Know the City of Hailey’s Flood Policies and Practices
DURING A FLOOD

The City of Hailey’s priorities during an emergency such as flood, avalanche, fire or earthquake is in three main areas:
1. Life safety – protecting responders and residents.
2. Incident information – providing information to affected people.

If you have a flooding emergency, call 911. The City’s response will be led by qualified emergency response personnel. Please follow their direction at all times for your own safety. The City’s focus will be on broad public protection and NOT on protecting private property. The responsibility for protecting private property lies with each of you. Don’t impact your neighbors’ property, and don’t disrupt the flow of water through the floodplain.

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• The City of Hailey uses the Code Red Alert system through Blaine County Dispatch to distribute property-specific information to you by phone call, email, or text. Sign up now by clicking on this pictured tab on the City of Hailey website.
• The City of Hailey’s website provides a link to river height information at www.haileycityhall.org.
• The City of Hailey’s critical information pieces are posted at the Hailey Public Library during incidents.
• The City of Hailey considers flooding to have begun when surface water moves through a neighborhood. Water standing upon a property is not considered flooding. Homeowners should use the time before a flood to prepare their property with sandbags or other materials through private purchase. A local resource list of sandbag supplies and other property protection supplies can be found on the City of Hailey website www.haileycityhall.org.
• The City of Hailey will provide sand bag stations near an area in which flooding has begun. These are intended to be for emergency use when the private property protection already completed is not sufficient. We do NOT recommend waiting for City sandbags to begin protecting your structures.
  • Sandbag stations for Woodside, Foxmoor and Deerfield in East Hailey areas will be at the south side of the Blaine County Community Campus parking lot.
  • Sandbag stations for Della View will be on War Eagle Drive near Silver Star.
  • Sandbag stations for Sherwood Forest will be on Robinhood Drive near Silver Star.
  • Sandbag stations for China Gardens and Elmwood will be on Walnut Street, near Aspen Drive.
• Plan for pumping water from your crawlspace or driveway, but do NOT pump water onto property other than your own, neither your neighbor’s property nor the street.
• Do NOT pump water into the City’s sewer system through any drain or manhole. Pumping water into the sewer system can harm the entire City through a sewer system failure.
• Call Idaho Power and/or Intermountain Gas for help with protecting electric and gas utility sources within your homes, basements or crawlspaces.
• The City of Hailey will close roads, allowing local traffic only, when water is along the roadway.
• The City of Hailey will close roads completely when water is over one lane of the roadway.
• The City of Hailey will evacuate homes when emergency services become unreliable to an area.
DURING A FLOOD (Continued)
Be alert.
- Monitor your surroundings.
- Monitor National Weather Service information through radio, television, or online. The City of Hailey website provides a link to the National Weather Service at www.haileycityhall.org.
- Don’t drive unless you have to. If you must drive, travel with care.
- Make sure your vehicle has enough fuel.
- Follow recommended routes. DO NOT sightsee.
- Avoid disaster areas. Your presence might hamper rescue or other emergency operations and put you at further risk.
- Watch for washed out roads, earth slides, and downed trees or power lines.
- Be especially cautious at night, when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- If the vehicle stalls, abandon it.
- If water rises around your car, leave the vehicle immediately. Quickly climb to higher ground.
- Watch for falling trees, which can easily fall due to subsurface saturation within the ground.

NEVER drive through flooded roadways. STOP! Turn Around Don’t Drown.
- The roadbed may be washed out.
- You can lose control of your vehicle in only a few inches of water.
- Your car may float. Vehicles can be swept away by less than 2 feet of water.
- Do not drive around a barricade. Turn around and go another way!

Get to high ground – Climb to safety!
- Get out of low areas that may be subject to flooding.
- Avoid already-flooded areas and do not attempt to cross flowing water.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.

Evacuate immediately, if you think you are at risk or are advised to do so!
- Act quickly. Save yourself, not your belongings.
- Move to a safe area before access is cut off by rising water.
- Families should use only one vehicle to avoid getting separated and reduce traffic jams.
- Shut off water, gas, and electrical services before leaving.
- Secure your home: lock all doors and windows.
- Shut off the electricity at the circuit breakers.
- If directed to a specific location, go there.

Never try to walk or swim through flowing water.
- If flowing water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way.
- If it is moving swiftly, water 6 inches deep can knock you off your feet.
- Be aware that people have been swept away wading through flood waters.
- Be aware that flood waters can quickly cause hypothermia.
- NEVER allow children to play around high water, storm drains, creeks, or rivers.
- If a flash flood warning is issued for your area: Climb to safety immediately.
- Flash floods develop quickly. Do not wait until you see rising water.

If someone falls in or is trapped in flood water:
- Do not go after the victim! Use a suitable floatation device.
- Call 911. Call for assistance and give the correct location information.